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SUBJ: FOREIGN MINISTER VIGNES RETURNS FROM US

1. SUMMARY: VIGNES ARRIVED IN BA AFTERNOON APR 23. ATMOSPHERE OF AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE WAS ONE OF TRIUMPHAL RETURN AND VIGNES PRONOUNCED HIMSELF SATISFIED WITH RESULTS OF VARIOUS MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES HE HAD ATTENDED. END SUMMARY.

2. FONMIN AND MRS. VIGNES LANDED IN BA JUST AFTER NOON AND WERE IMMEDIATELY TAKEN BY HELICOPTER TO AEROPARQUE WHERE THEY WERE MET BY AMBASSADOR AND MRS. HILL AND HIGH RANKING MEMBERS OF GOA.

3. ATMOSPHERE WAS ONE OF TRIUMPHAL RETURN. AT NEWS CONFERENCE FOLLOWING ARRIVAL CEREMONIES, VIGNES INDICATED HE WAS VERY PLEASED WITH RESULTS OF HIS TRIP, BUT DID NOT WISH TO GO INTO DETAIL UNTIL HE HAD HAD OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE FULL REPORT TO PRESIDENT PERON. HE COMMENTED, HOWEVER, THAT THE MEETING OF LATIN AMERICAN FONMINS WHICH HAD BEEN CONDUCTED AT THE ARGENTINE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON HAD BEEN ESPECIALLY AUSPICIOUS FOR ARGENTINA. THE SUBSEQUENT MEETING OF HEMISPHEREIC FONMINS HAD ALSO BEEN HIGHLY

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SUCCESSFUL.

4. VIGNES SAID ARGENTINA HAD BEEN VERY HONORED TO ACT AS SPOKESMAN FOR LATIN AMERICAN ASPIRATIONS AT THE OAS MEETING IN ATLANTA. HE SAID THIS WAS THANKS TO THE FACT THAT PERU HAD PERMITTED ARGENTINA TO ACT AS THE CENTRAL CHESS PIECE ON THE BOARD.

5. VIGNES DID NOT FAIL TO PAY DEFERENCE TO SECRETARY KISSINGER, SAYING THAT ONE OF THE MOST POSITIVE ASPECTS OF THE MEETINGS HAD BEEN THE OPPORTUNITY THEY PROVIDED THE LATIN AMERICANS TO VOICE THEIR CONCERNS TO HIM.

6. IN CONCLUSION, VIGNES SAID ALL GOALS OF TRIP HAD BEEN ACCOMPLISHED. MOST IMPORTANT THING NOW, HE OBSERVED, WAS TO DO AWAY WITH THE TWO THIRDS VOTE REQUIREMENT IN THE OAS FOR CERTAIN IMPORTANT DECISIONS.

7. BEFORE DEPARTING AEROPARQUE, THE FONMIN SINGLED OUT AMBASSADOR HILL AND TOOK HIM ASIDE TO TALK PRIVATELY. HE RELAYED TO THE AMBASSADOR THE CORDIAL GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES FROM FRIENDS IN WASHINGTON.

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